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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.